

BOTTS RESIGNS AS PURCHASING AGENT FOR CITY

After Working for Nine Months Establishing Department, He Will Practise Law

Having served for nine months in the establishment of a purchasing system for the city and county, E. J. Botts, city purchasing agent, this morning sprung a surprise upon those who follow municipal matters by handing in his resignation to Mayor John C. Lane.

Botts recently passed the bar examination for the territory and will enter the legal profession some time soon after his resignation takes effect, on November 1.

"Nothing whatever save the desire to enter the practice of law has induced me to leave the purchasing office," says Mr. Botts, "and I have made no definite plans."

Mayor Lane, when seen in regard to Mr. Botts' resignation, said that the news had come as a complete surprise to him. "My first thought," says the mayor, "is to ask for a reconsideration of the matter by Mr. Botts. I shall take the matter up with the members of the board, however."

"I regret exceedingly to lose the services of Mr. Botts in the purchasing department," continued the mayor. "He has been at all times honest, efficient and sincere. The place has been hard to fill and it seems to me that he has been just the man for it. At present I have no one in view for the vacancy, if Mr. Botts insists on leaving."

In turning in his resignation, Botts wrote to the mayor as follows:

"I must place before you my resignation as purchasing agent and secretary to the committee of the board of supervisors. I do so with a feeling of deep regret, seeing that it means an end of our very pleasant association which has existed uninterrupted for nine months. In that time I have developed a very sincere and abiding regard for you, and were it not for more or less imperious personal considerations, I could ask for nothing which would give me more pleasure than to continue in this office to which you appointed me on January 1. I have found you to be an undoubtly courteous, as fair and true and constantly alert to be of public service. That I cannot leave you now, part way in your promising administration, without a mingled feeling of regret and personal loss."

"I have left your support behind me in all things I have done to establish a purchasing system for the city and county. In the thick of the opposition against such a system, you have held me unflinchingly in my belief, realizing I am quite sure, that what was being done was being done for the public weal. You have had implicit trust in me. It seems I have honored the trust and striven to justify it."

Opposition Will Continue.

"There will always be some opposition to a purchasing department for Honolulu, one may rest assured. But I believe the bitterest, the most violent and scurilous has passed. And yet it matters very little whether it is passed or not, remembering the courage of your trust and the honor of the members of the board of supervisors. With you and the supervisors ready to back up one for what is right and just, one can face the opposition in all its guises with a light heart."

"In the comparatively short time this department has existed I believe it has been demonstrated beyond the purview of a doubt that the saving of public funds through it is immense. That the police department, for example, in its individual fund is very significant—should say, of the size of the savings. My reference to the police department is not made disparagingly. It is merely to illustrate my statement, and a statement made by Mr. Logan, chairman of the ways and means committee, that huge savings are being made all along the line by reason of the existence of a purchasing bureau."

"You may consider my resignation to take effect as of November 1, I set it at this date to give you ample time to select my successor in office."

"With best wishes to you and to the members of the board of supervisors, I have the honor of remaining,

"Very sincerely yours,

E. J. BOTTS."

SUPREME COURT RULES GIVEN AN AMENDMENT

Rule 3 in the rules of the supreme court was amended today by adding a new paragraph which reads as follows:

"Whenever an extension of time for the filing of a brief is obtained, either than pursuant to a stipulation of the respective parties, a copy of the order granting the extension shall forthwith be served by the party obtaining the same upon the opposite party."

FIRST FALL CONCERT FOR SAILORS IN PORT

Opening the season of fall and winter entertainments for visiting sailors, the Seamen's Institute will hold the first of its concerts this evening at 8 o'clock in the institute building. A fine program has been prepared, and sailors from all ships now in port are invited to attend. The concerts will be a regular feature of the institute's social work program for the ensuing year.

Cases of E. Santiago, H. Santiago, Francisco Medina and F. Rosa, accused of carrying on a bunco game, were committed to the circuit court today.

SAYS PRESIDENT FAVERS TARIFF REVISION SOON

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income tax either by raising the rate or reducing the exemption.

Mr. Wilson also has been giving his attention to the question of the establishment of a tariff commission which is being urged anew by Republicans and Progressives as a means of removing the tariff from politics.

It transpired during the day that the president expressed his views on this matter in a letter to former Gov. Cox of Ohio, who wrote to Mr. Wilson proposing the creation of a tariff commission. Mr. Cox is a Democrat and in his letter he expressed the views of a vast number of Ohio Democrats whose advocacy of a tariff commission was a conspicuous feature of the political developments of the last Congress.

Wilson's Letter.

President Wilson's reply to Mr. Cox, hitherto unpublished, follows:

The White House,
Washington, Aug. 17, 1915.

My Dear Governor: I sincerely appreciate your letter of August 24. The matter of which it speaks has been very much in my mind and my thought is this: The full powers of a tariff commission are already lodged in existing organs of the government; most of them, and really more than the former commission had, in the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce and others (powers of investigation chiefly) in the hands of the new Federal Trade Commission.

Perhaps it would be better if these various powers were assembled in the hands of some bureau or department, but as far as I think the machinery exists for a thorough, scientific treatment of tariff cases, if anything is lacking to give these powers efficiency, I am of course heartily in favor of doing it.

Please accept my warmest regards and much sincere appreciation of your interesting letter.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) WILSON.

"Some of the president's advisers are opposed to any tinkering with the tariff or a section which will adjourn upon the eve of the presidential election. They fear that the anomalies invariably manifested by the overruling of the tariff would snarl the run of the Democratic party of the polls.

Porto Rico Filled With Detail.

The meeting tonight is to be held in the superimposed hall. The majority report has been printed, in its printed form it takes up 20 or more newspaper columns. It goes into tremendous mass of detail. It is fact criticism is almost arising because of the details handled in the chapter which should, say those who have studied the matter, be handled by ordinance. Such things as the location ofitching wells, the planting of sugar cane, the planting of shade-trees and the flying of kites are dealt with each in a separate detailed section.

As printed and ready to be submitted tonight, the majority report contains few important features which have not been discussed in the newspaper columns. The committee proposed that the commissioners be chosen for the election of the supervisor of the district, for the election of a major sheriff, superintendent of city works, city and county clerk, auditor, treasurer and attorney. The district magistrates are to be appointed by the board, upon recommendation of the supervisor in the respective districts. It is this provision which has aroused the greatest condemnation among the advocates of elimination of partisan politics so far as possible from the city government. They declare that the plan is designed to build up a political machine.

Porto Rico's Criticism Emphatic.

Francis J. Green, the dissenting member of the committee, in his minority report, which will also be presented tonight, says in part:

I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report of the committee of the organization of the governing body of the city of Honolulu, as proposed, method of dividing the city into wards, on the election of independent department heads and on the addition to the number of elective offices proposed thereby.

Experience has shown that democracy, as understood and practised in this country, will accomplish more and make fewer mistakes of city government if the number of elective officers be small and the responsibility concentrated in a few persons, and these directly responsible to the community as a whole. And this experience has shown that many of the worst forms of municipal extravagance and mismanagement can be checked by intelligent legislation, but such legislation must take cognizance of past mistakes in the form and powers of municipal government with its consequent abuse of political power and subordination of the public good to private interests.

The ward system, as proposed by the majority report, carries with it the most vicious element of American municipal government, i. mean ward leaders and their system of unofficial patronage.

The ward system is the method of Tammany Hall reduced to its lowest terms in that it relies upon the creation and services of ward leaders for its continuance in power and experience has shown that such services inevitably carry in their train a weakening of the political moral fibre of the community and a consequent political demoralization.

It is a menace to the physical well-being of the city in that it places the public works of the community under political control.

As a basis for a new draft of a charter for the city and county of Honolulu, and as a minority report from the committee of five, I recommend:

The adoption of:

Chapter I of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter II of the municipal research proposal.

The proposed act of W. C. Ach.

Chapter IV of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter V of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter VI of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter IX of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter X of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter XI of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter XII of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter XIII of the municipal research proposal.

Chapter XVII of the municipal research proposal.

I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report in that it carries with it an increase in the number of elective officers and is consequently retrogressive and reactionary in principle.

If the experience of these past thirty years has demonstrated anything, it is that in order to secure the best results from the administration of a city government, the number of offices to be filled at each election should be few. The resulting "short ballot" as it has been called, may today be regarded as the keystone of an effective American city charter.

I am opposed to the adoption of the majority report in that it creates a new elective office, the "Superintendent of City Works."

The division of the city's activity which more nearly concerns all residents, taxpayers or not, is the engineering department. Upon the proper conduct of this department depends in a great part the physical

CHARTER FIGHT CERTAIN; GREEN FLAYS MAJORITY

IN MINORITY REPORT HE POINTS OUT POLITICAL SCHEMING BEHIND COMMITTEE PLANS

Two diametrically opposed reports, assuring a vigorous fight on the floor of the charter revision convention, will be submitted tonight by the subcommittee of five to the special committee of 16 named by the convention to pass on various charter proposals and report back to the general convention.

The two reports are the majority and minority opinions of this subcommittee of five.

Four out of five of the members of the subcommittee are expected to sign the minority report, which, as originally published, provides for the ward system of electing supervisors, for the appointment of district magistrates by the mayor and for the election of a superintendent of city works with broad executive powers. It is this report embodied in a formal charter proposal, which has aroused energetic criticism on the part of advocates of a home rule "short ballot" government.

The minority report has been prepared by Francis J. Green and the majority report by the minority members themselves.

Green, during Spanish War.

"We have had a wonderful growth in Y. M. C. A. work in army and navy circles," said Mr. Tichenor. "At the time of the Spanish-American war the Y. M. C. A. first took up work in army circles. At that time camps were established at Tampa and Chickasawha, and the work was really only detail, but the movement proved to be so popular that the association was called into existence to accommodate the demands of the soldiers and sailors. The experience that has been gained by 75 years of work in the association has proved to be the wedge that has made the Y. M. C. A. famous in the army and navy.

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